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MRS. LINDSAY AS
DIAMOND THIEF**

Detectives, Her Two Friends Being in Cell.

CARRIES FORTUNE IN EIGHT TRUNK

Startling Move Expected To-Day
in Greatest Confidence Game

Watch Valued
at \$2,000.

BEHIND the simple, technic charge of defrauding her land lady, on which Mrs. Horace Courtland, who boarded at No. 815 East Franklin Street, was arrested yesterday morning, there exists beyond doubt one of the largest and most cleverly worked confidence games ever unearthed in this city. Her husband, who is said to be the head of a gang, slipped quietly out the house Tuesday night and left the city a short time before the police had planned to arrest him. His cousin, Charles Edward Courtland, is now the only one left.

A suspicious character, while a mysterious woman, giving her name Mrs. L. Lindsay, is being watched by the police in her apartments at "Colonial" boarding-house, a quiet establishment established by Mrs. Marshall Street. There, in a special room are packed her trunks—eight in number—which contain a profusion of the most elegant clothes and jewels of the most fabulous value. Queerly enough Mrs. Lindsay is now said to be penniless as far as ready money goes, her cash and jewels could be purchased, if marketed, would net her a fortune.

Mysterious Woman Appears

The strange, mysterious figure in the case is a handsome woman, apparently about forty-five years of age who came to Richmond two or three months ago with a maid, a poodle dog and eight suitcases, and secured a room at the "Mirador" hotel, and secured a

her as "Mrs. L. Lindsay, California." The maid, a tall, dark woman, of the German type, went to the dining-room regularly for her meals, although Lindsay had every meal sent to her apartment. The maid's expense alone amounted to 75 cents a day. Often the maid walked out with the dog.

Few people called to see the woman except Horace R. Courtland, and called frequently. On one occasion he went driving with her, but a stranger in the hotel paid no attention to them; the general impression being that Mrs. Lindsay was a woman who forced her to remain constantly in the room. She was a trifle vain but not sufficiently so to make it necessary for her to call attention to

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Had Wonderful Gown.

What astounded the few persons around the house who visited her was her wonderful array of diamonds. Her clothing was of the most expensive and were estimated by a person familiar with the value of such things to be worth \$2,000. The watch which was found on Mrs. Courtland when arrested was a fine time piece, and was valued at least the latter so admitted before.

presented a check, and paid her bill promptly, with nothing smaller than \$100 now in her pocket. She was a well-mannered and graceful, charming woman. The police will find pictures in her room which she claimed to take of the hotel.

Though of far less attractive type the maid did not make new friends. She spoke to no one, remaining in the room with her mirror and a small television set. She was seen only when she came out with the poodle. The other night she left the Colonial, attempted to pawn a gold thumb ring which led to the impression that she might possibly have been a hooch peddler.

Naturally, the police maintain the utmost secrecy, though the only conclusion to be drawn from what was picked up yesterday is that the woman was well educated, and that she was under some very powerful man.

It was not until after Mrs. Lindsay moved to the Colonial that she secured her trunk. Her funds, she had Mrs. E. Martin, proprietor of the Colonial, advance \$40, that amount being due for excess baggage. She had her trunk sent, but did not claim the trunks sooner was not explained, the attention of the railroad detectives first being called to the case by Mrs. Lindsay's trunk. It was believed had been operating against Mrs. Martin declined yesterday to discuss the matter. Mrs. Lindsay said her male trunk was sent to the Colonial by the Women Opened Together.

It is known to the detectives that Courtland woman has paid frequent visits to Mrs. Lindsay. The woman has made articles with the trunk, and articles of clothing and jewelry to pawn shop. In Mrs. Courtland's possession yesterday.

day was a victim, the value of which is several thousand dollars. It is a diminutive piece, literally covered with diamonds, ranging in size from about one and one-half carats to chips small almost as the flour of a mill. Accented to it is a pair of earrings which is set in a similar manner. McCourtland has been seen wearing it watch on several occasions. It was said yesterday that she had been wearing it for some time and that she had returned, saying that the shop keeper would only advance \$50 on it. As matter of fact, it is understood that the pawnbroker offered her a good round sum for it, less than \$750, which he would not give. The shops now contain rings, diamonds and a set of forks, all valued at \$500.

Look at Work on Case:
Defendant Wilshire and Wren.